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SUBJECT: AFRICANS, ARABS AND OIL PRICES

1. DURING CALL BY VISITING AMBASSADOR KIRK AND EMBOFF APRIL 11, ACTING OAU SEC GEN NYNEQUE STATED THAT KAMPALA SESSION 22ND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CM) CONFIRMED MOGADISCIO MEETINGS 23RD CM JUNE 5-11 AND 11TH SUMMIT JUNE 12-15 (REF MOGADISCIO 432). NYNEQUE ALSO MENTIONED THAT 23RD MEETING OF ALC SCHEDULED FOR YAOUNDE MID-APRIL (REF ADDIS 3298 AND LONDON 4207), HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR "ABOUT A MONTH."

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2. ASKED TO COMMENT ON KAMPALA CM, NYNEQUE (PROTECT STRICTLY) STATED THAT OIL PRICES WERE PRINCIPAL ISSUE. HE GAVE FRANK ACCOUNT OF WORK OF OAU "COMMITTEE OF SEVEN" ON OIL AND OF JANUARY MEETING IN CAIRO WITH COUNTERPART ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE. AT KAMPALA, ON PRETEXT THAT CHAIRMAN (SUDANESE FONMIN MANSUR KHALID) NOT PRESENT, "COMMITTEE OF SEVEN" AND SECRETARIAT REFUSED TO RELEASE SOME OF THEIR DOCUMENTS. DURING HEATED DEBATE ON SUBJECT, ACCORDING NYNEQUE (AND OTHER SOURCES), OIL "HAVE-NOTS" MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO "HAVES" - - PARTICULARLY ALGERIAN FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA - - THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER RESULTS TO DATE. ACCORDING NYNEQUE, BLACK AFRICANS AND AFRICAN INSTITUTIONS, WITH EXCEPTION OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, DISMISSED OUT OF HAND PROPOSED ARAB-FINANCED DEVELOPMENT BANK AS INADEQUATE AND UNRESPONSIVE. WHAT OIL "HAVE-NOTS" NEED IS CONCESSION ON PRICE (OR EQUIVALENT), AND SOON. KAMPALA CM DECIDED TO REFER FURTHER OAU ACTION TO COMMITTEE OF AMBASSADORS IN ADDIS OF STATES ON MINISTERIAL "COMMITTEE OF SEVEN." ADDIS GROUP WILL SCHEDULE VENUE AND DATE (PRIOR TO 23RD OAU CM) FOR NEXT OAU-ARAB LEAGUE CONTACT.

3. NYNEQUE COMMENTED THAT OAU ARABS, NOTABLY ALGERIANS, NOW WELL AWARE OF NEED TO TAKE SOME CONCRETE ACTION SOON. IN KAMPALA, ALGERIANS "HINTED" THAT NEW ARAB MOVE MIGHT BE REVEALED DURING CURRENT UNGA. NYNEQUE SPECULATED THAT THIS MIGHT BE OFFER OF GRANTS RATHER THAN LOANS BY ARAB DEVELOPMENT BANK PLUS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN ITS CAPITAL RESOURCES (PRESENTLY ABOUT US \$250 MILLION).

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